

District 5 Report for February 2020 AWSC (Combined DR and DISL)

District 5 finished off the year with a bang. The panel was very busy with questionnaires to our members on several different issues. We received good feedback and are working on solutions. We had a District Meeting in September 2019 and October of 2019 and were able to get dates secured for the 2020 District Meetings as well as host for those meetings before we closed out the 2019 year.

The panel created a survey to determine why attendance at District Meetings and Assemblies is waning or not at all. After analyzing the data, we discovered that the number one reason groups have a Contact person and not a GR is because many group members are dual members and they cannot hold that service position. Only the same few people can be the GR and they wish someone new to be the GR. We explained to our contact persons that although they cannot vote at the District Meeting or Assembly, they are members and it is very important for them to be the voice of their group and express their groups concerns, experience and hope. Next we found the number one reason they are not attending District Meetings is it is too far to travel (even though we have it in the best central location). We are helping with carpooling! The same reasons are why are GR's and Contact Persons are not attending Assembly as well as the cost to the group. We are working on solutions. As a result of this survey and the discussions at the group level, we had 5 groups elect a GR where there was previously none!

The Panel looked at the attendance rosters for the 2018 and 2019 District Meetings and found which groups are regularly sending someone and which groups are not sending a representative. We found 8 groups were not sending a representative and the Panel is in the process of visiting those meetings and encouraging participation.

The Panel used the Encouraging Service Handout from AWSC and gave to groups at the September District Meeting. Members discussed at the group level and returned the handout at our October Meeting. The Panel then compiled the results and created a handout with all the wonderful ideas on how to increase group membership and how to encourage members to serve. This handout was given to all groups at our January 2020 meeting. GR's and Contact Persons will share with their group members. As a GR ourselves, we are excited about some of the ideas to try!

Next the Panel created a questionnaire to determine member's thoughts on how many Assemblies we should have a year and why? This gave us great information as well and the results of this questionnaire has been compiled and sent to Madelyn, DR District 13, for the Thought Force Report for AWSC.

Lastly, we finished out the 2019 year with a Gratitude Luncheon in November and a Holiday Party in December for the District. Both were attended well with lots of fun, great food, fabulous speakers and fellowship.

Respectfully Submitted by,
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